

Sinclair Donald R.
Form 4
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FORM 4

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
Sinclair Donald R.

(Last) (First) (Middle)
1201 LAKE ROBBINS DRIVE
(Street)

THE WOODLANDS, TX 77380
(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
Western Gas Partners LP [WES]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
11/14/2012

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)
CEO, President & Director

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
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Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------|
| | | | Code | V | Amount or Price | | |
| Common Units Representing Limited Partnership Interests | 11/16/2012 | | M | | 4,399 A \$ 0 | 87,435 | D |
| Common Units Representing Limited Partnership Interests | 11/16/2012 | | F | | 1,163 D \$ 48.39 | 86,272 | D |

| | | | |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------|---|-------------------|
| Common Units Representing Limited Partnership Interests | 29,500 | I | By Partnership |
| Common Units Representing Limited Partnership Interests | 2,000 | I | By Trust |

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned
(e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

| 1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) | Amount or Number of Shares |
|-----------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------|
| | | | | Code V (A) (D) | | Date Exercisable Expiration Date | Title | |
| Phantom Units | <u>(1)</u> | 11/14/2012 | | A | 9,577 | <u>(2)</u> <u>(2)</u> | Common Units Representing Limited Partnership Interests | 9,577 |
| Phantom Units | <u>(1)</u> | 11/16/2012 | | M | 4,399 | <u>(2)</u> <u>(2)</u> | Common Units Representing Limited Partnership Interests | 4,399 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|-----------|---------------------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| Sinclair Donald R. 1201 LAKE ROBBINS DRIVE THE WOODLANDS, TX 77380 | X | | CEO, President & Director | |

Signatures

/s/ Linda Mansker by power of atty. for Donald R.
Sinclair

11/16/2012

__Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(b)(v).
- ** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. *See* 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
- (1) Each Phantom Unit is the economic equivalent of one WES Common Unit representing limited partnership interests, and upon vesting, entitled to receive a common unit.
- (2) The phantom units vest in three annual installments beginning one year after the date of grant.

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